The decision to have a delayed opening, snow day, or early dismissal during inclement weather is made by the Superintendent of Manchester Schools. The announcement is made under “Manchester Public Schools” on local radio stations and local television stations such as WVIT (NBC “Channel 30”) and WFSB (CBS “Channel 3”). You can also find weather delays or closings on websites www.nbcconnecticut.com and www.wfsb.com.

In the case of a closure, delay, early dismissal that impacts Saint James School only, you will find the closure listed as “St. James School – Manchester.”

The fastest, most efficient way to be notified is via the automatic email or text notifications from NBC and WFSB. You will want to sign up to receive notification for “Manchester Public Schools” and “St. James School – Manchester.” The school does not typically text or email parents directly to notify them.

If the schedule for Manchester Public Schools is for a 2-hour delayed opening, our schedule is as follows:

- Full-Day Pre-K and Kindergarten - Grade 8 will attend school from 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- Half-Day Kindergarten students will attend school from 10:00am – 12:00 Noon.
- Pre-K morning sessions (8:00am – 11:00am) are cancelled.
- Pre-K afternoon 3-day-program (11:00am – 2:00pm) will still be held.
- There is no before-school care if there is a late opening. Aftercare will still be held.

If the schedule for Manchester Public Schools is for a 3-hour delayed opening, our schedule is as follows:

- Full-Day Kindergarten - Grade 8 will attend school from 11:00am – 2:00pm.
- Half-Day Kindergarten students will Not have school.
- Full-Day Pre-K students will attend school from 11:00am – 2:00pm.
- Pre-K morning sessions (8:00am – 11:00am) are cancelled.
- Pre-K afternoon 3-day-program (11:00am – 2:00pm) will still be held.
- There is no before school care, however aftercare will still be held.

If the schedule for Manchester Public Schools is an early dismissal, our schedule is as follows:

- K-8 will operate on a 4-hour day schedule, with dismissal at 12:05pm.
- Pre-K morning sessions (8:00am – 11:00am) will dismiss at 11:00am as regularly scheduled.
- Pre-K full-day program will dismiss at 12:00pm.
- Pre-K afternoon session (11:00am – 2:00pm) is cancelled.
- Extended Day program will close promptly at 1:00pm on early dismissal days.

Saint James School will still have bus service on town-wide early dismissal days and early closing days. It is the responsibility of the parents to make arrangements for their children in the event of an early dismissal and ensure that the children are aware of those arrangements. **If the weather forecast indicates that an early dismissal is possible, parents should discuss the plan for an early dismissal in the morning with their children before school.**